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(54) Animal trap

(57) An animal trap comprises a tunnel-shaped body (1) having a floor (2), two side walls (3, 4), a top (5), an open end (6) and a closed end (7), a treadle (11) pivotally connected to the floor (2) at an open-end part of the treadle (11) for movement between a set position in which it is angled up from the floor (2) and a trip position in which it is at least less steeply angled with respect to the floor (2), a door (16) pivotally connected at a top edge thereof to the top of the body (1) at or close to the open end (6) for downwards swinging movement from a set position extending beneath at least part of the top (5) of the body (1) and a trip position in which it closes the open end (6) of the body (1), a trip rod (29) having one end pivotally connected to the treadle (11) at a position spaced towards the closed-end (7) of the body (1) from the treadle's, pivoted, open-end part and another end slidably connected to the top (5) of the body (1), and a hook (31) integral with the other end of the trip rod (29) engageable with the door (16) to hold it in its set position and disengageable for downwards swinging of the door (16) on movement of the treadle (11) to its trip position, following treading thereon by an animal, and concomitant movement of the trip rod's other end and its hook (31) from the open end (6) of the body (1) and a previously engaged part of the door (16).

